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COUNTERTERRORISM FACT SHEET

POLICY: The general Finding of 7 June 1978, which permits CIA to provide counterterrorist training and assistance to foreign intelligence services and other security organizations; and NSDD #30 signed on 11 April, which defines the USG organization structure for managing terrorist incidents in order to ensure rapid, effective response, immediate access to institutional expertise, and extensive prior planning.

BACKGROUND:

1. The President, his Advisor for National Security Affairs, and the Secretary of State have all emphasized the need to address the matter of terrorism (particularly that directed against US personnel and interests) much more effectively. At the same time, the level of terrorism impacting directly and indirectly on US interests has increased notably.

2. In the past, CIA's counterterrorist programs have been dispersed throughout the Agency. But given the continued growth of international terrorism, it has become necessary for CIA to accelerate these activities and ensure a fully coordinated counterterrorist effort, requiring close, day-to-day coordinated operation among elements of all Directorates.

3. Objectives of the program are:

-- To colocate major counterterrorists organization elements 25X1  
[redacted]

-- To provide a better understanding of the dynamics of international terrorism (information storage manipulation, analysis) 25X1  
[redacted]

-- To increase collection activity against terrorists (technical and human collection) [redacted] 25X1

-- To improve US and friendly foreign government's capability to defend against terrorist attacks (technical systems) [redacted] 25X1

-- To create two fully equipped response teams able to proceed to areas of terrorist incidents on very short notice [redacted] 25X1

-- To provide advance warning of likely terrorist incidents (Inter-agency Counterterrorist Intelligence Community) [redacted] 25X1

-- To increase US understanding of the capability and willingness of foreign governments to conduct counterterrorist programs (friendly governments and liaison) [redacted] 25X1

-- To increase action operations to neutralize terrorist organizations (penetration ops) [redacted] 25X1

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FUNDS: Current CIA programs to address the problem of terrorism were developed when terrorism was given a much lower profile at all levels of the US Government. Consequently, the Agency does not have sufficient resources to meet current demands. Our programs directed at this important area must be increased significantly and urgently. We are, therefore, requesting a release  from the CIA reserve for contingencies.

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